

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

The attached twelve (12) formal replacement sheets of drawings are inclusive of the changes proposed in the paper filed on April 14, 2003, which were approved for formal entry thereof in the standing non-final Office Action. The substitute drawing amendment proposal submitted on April 14, 2003 detailed the changes which have been formally implemented with the filing of the attached twelve (12) replacement sheets of drawings.

**Attachments:**

Twelve (12) replacement sheets directed to Figs. 1(a) - 1(c), 4(a) - 4(b), 10(a) - 10(c), 11(a) - 11(b), 12(a) - 12(b), 13, 14(a) - 14(b), 21(a) - 21(b), 22(a) - 22(b), 23-27, 28(a) - 28(c), 29(a) - 29(b) and 30(a) - 30(c) of the drawings.

**Remarks:**

Acceptance/formal entry therefor of this Amendment, which applicants submit, renders the application allowable, is respectfully requested.

At the outset, applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowability of claims 20 and 25. Accordingly, it has been decided, at this time, to cancel the rejected claims 13 and 19 in consideration of receiving an early formal notification of allowability of the above-identified application. In this regard, all of the previously withdrawn claims are also being canceled accordingly, although applicants are reserving their right to subsequently include those claims in a continuing (e.g., divisional) application.

With the canceling of the rejected claims 13 and 19, the previously standing rejection under 35 USC §103(a), as set forth under item 6, on pages 3-5 of the Office Action as well as the objection under 37 CFR §1.83(a), as set forth under item 3, on page 2 of the detailed action, were rendered moot. It is submitted, agreeing to the canceling of the rejected claims 13 and 19 should not be construed as an acquiescence with regard to the merits of either the rejection or objection. Rather, the canceling of those claims is being effected, for now, in consideration of applicants receiving an early formal notification of allowability.

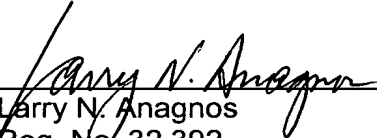
Responsive to the approval of the drawing amendments proposed with regard to the paper filed on April 14, 2003, applicants are submitting herewith twelve (12) formal replacement sheets directed thereto. The formal replacement sheets are to be entered as substitutes therefor of the originally submitted sheets 1/22, 3/22, 7/22, 8/22, 9/22, 13/22, 14/22, 15/22, 16/22, 17/22, 18/22 and 19/22. Since the twelve replacement sheets of drawings formalize amendments to the drawings that were approved and the formal corrections of which were required (see item 2

on page 2 of the Office Action), acceptance and formal entry of the same is respectfully requested.

Therefore, having overcome all previously standing issues, in view of the amendments presented hereinabove, together with these accompanying remarks, acceptance and formal entry of this Amendment as well as an early formal notification of allowability of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Dep. Acct. No. 01-2135 (503.38097X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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